

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1785
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001
INFANT MORTALITY RATE
P.D. ELANGO VAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Infant Mortality Rate has come down in the country over the decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present Infant Mortality Rate as per 1000 births in the country, State-wise;
- (d) whether the World Health Organisation and UNICEF provide any financial support to bring the Infant Mortality Rate down in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The infant mortality rate (IMR) which was estimated by the Sample Registration System to be 129 per thousand live births in 1971 declined to 110 in 1981 and 80 in 1991.

(c) During 1999 the IMR was estimated to be 70/1000 live births. The State-wise IMR for 1999 is annexed.

(d) & (e) The World Health Organisation and UNICEF provide support for various child health related programmes. These, inter-alia, include financial and technical inputs for the immunization programme and the Pulse Polio immunization programme; training of medical and paramedical personnel; information, education and communication activities; and strengthening of primary health care system for effecting improvements in delivery of child case services under the UNICEF assisted Border District Cluster Strategy Project.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2001

S.NO.	India+	
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Bigger States

1.	Andhra Pradesh	66
2.	Assam	76
3.	Bihar	63
4.	Gujarat	63
5.	Haryana	68
6.	Karnataka	58
7.	Kerala	14

8.	Madhya Pradesh	90
9.	Maharashtra	48
10.	Orissa	97
11.	Punjab	53
12.	Rajasthan	81
13.	Tamil Nadu	52
14.	Uttar Pradesh	84
15.	West Bengal	52

Smaller States

1.	Arunachal Pradesh	43
2.	Chhatisgarh	78
3.	Goa	21
4.	Jharkhand	71
5.	Himachal Pradesh	62
6.	Jammu & Kshmir	Not compiled
7	Manipur	25
8.	Meghalaya	56
9.	Mizoram	19
10.	Nagaland	N.A
11.	Sikkim	49
12.	Tripura	42
13.	Uttaranchal	52

Union Territories

1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	25
2.	Chandigarh	28
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	56
4.	Daman & Diu	35
5.	Delhi	31
6.	Lakshadweep	32
7	Pondicherry	22

+ Excludes Jammu & Kashmir.

Note :

1. Data for Jammu & Kashmir is not compiled due to non receipt of returns.

IMR for Nagaland is not available due to part receipt of returns.

2. IMR for smaller States and Union Territories are for the three years period 1997-99.

Source : Sample Registration System (1999)